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## Provisional Information on Selected Notifiable Diseases in the United States and on Deaths in Selected Cities for Week Ended October 19, 1957

### EPIDEMIOLOGICAL REPORTS

Influenza and influenza-like disease occurred in all parts of the country during the past week—sporadic but widespread in some States, and causing high absenteeism rates in many schools in others. It appears that epidemics are becoming less extensive or intensive in some of the Southern States but more so in many of the Northern States. A reasonable and satisfactory estimate of the number of new cases for the week ended October 19 cannot be made because of the diverse nature of reports from individual States. It could be in the range of a million or more.

Since precise morbidity data for the Nation as a whole are not available, the excess in the total number of deaths in large cities has been found to be one of the most reliable

measures of the impact of an epidemic, and as such has been accepted extensively in the past. Currently, data are available from 108 cities on the number of deaths from influenza and pneumonia. Since September 1, 1957, there have been 2,517 deaths from these causes as compared with 1,825 for 1956 (1956 is used for comparison because there was no influenza epidemic occurring during September and October of that year).

In epidemics occurring prior to 1954 there were increases in the number of deaths from all causes as well as from influenza and pneumonia. Currently, the numbers of deaths from all causes are available on a weekly basis for 114 cities located in those sections of the Nation which contain about one-third of the population of the country as a whole. Since

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Table 1. Cases of Specified Notifiable Diseases: Continental United States

(Numbers after diseases are category numbers of the Sixth Revision of the International Lists, 1948)

DISEASE	42d WEEK			CUMULATIVE NUMBER						Approximate seasonal low point
	Ended Oct. 19, 1957	Ended Oct. 20, 1956	Median 1952-56	First 42 weeks			Since seasonal low week			
				1957	1956	Median 1952-56	1956-57	1955-56	Median 1951-52 to 1955-56	
Anthrax-----062	1 <sup>1</sup>	-	1	17	34	25	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Botulism-----049.1	-	7	-	11	12	10	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Bruceellosis (undulant fever)----044	15	24	24	799	872	1,368	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Diphtheria-----055	41	42	70	816	1,132	1,470	352	306	612	July 1
Encephalitis, infectious-----062	40	62	39	1,526	1,813	1,625	966	1,184	1,032	June 1
Hepatitis, infectious, and serum-----092,N998.5 pt.	210	309	409	12,603	16,029	26,194	1,593	1,950	3,194	Sept. 1
Malaria-----110-117	3	5	22	132	208	604	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Measles-----085	1,087	1,392	1,145	456,291	583,522	583,522	6,637	6,820	5,705	Sept. 1
Meningococcal infections-----057	43	48	61	1,960	2,223	3,469	275	258	360	Sept. 1
Meningitis, other-----340	36	42	---	1,934	1,260	---	---	---	---	---
Poliomyelitis-----080	112	396	1,169	<sup>3</sup> 5,335	13,529	30,733	4,809	12,477	28,841	Apr. 1
Paralytic-----080.0,080.1	61	154	---	<sup>3</sup> 1,826	5,790	---	1,552	5,207	---	Apr. 1
Nonparalytic-----080.2	33	158	---	<sup>3</sup> 2,653	5,293	---	2,490	5,023	---	Apr. 1
Unspecified-----080.3	18	84	---	856	2,446	---	767	2,247	---	Apr. 1
Psittacosis-----096.2	3	8	1	209	438	217	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Rabies in man-----094	-	1	1	4	8	8	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Typhoid fever-----040	43	44	44	1,128	1,539	1,884	871	1,227	1,482	Apr. 1
Typhus fever, endemic-----101	-	3	3	102	91	146	77	72	116	Apr. 1
Rabies in animals-----	56	73	105	3,591	3,957	5,755	188	205	332	Oct. 1

<sup>1</sup>Reported in Alabama.

<sup>2</sup>Data show no pronounced seasonal change in incidence.

<sup>3</sup>Includes revised report from Arkansas.

Symbols.—1 dash [-]: no cases reported; 3 dashes [---]: data not available.

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September 1 of this year, there have been 73,839 deaths from all causes in the 114 cities as compared with 69,660 for the same period last year. Thus, the two figures of excess deaths, 692 for influenza and pneumonia and 4,179 from all causes, can be interpreted as a rough measure of the effect or impact of influenza in the 114 cities. It cannot be assumed, however, that that impact is of the same magnitude in the remaining two-thirds of the country.

The Puerto Rico Department has supplied the following figures, by age, for 1,197 cases of influenza in persons seen in 26 outpatient clinics.

Age	Percentage Distribution	
	Cases of influenza	Total population
Under 1 year-----	1.4	3.5
1 to 4 years-----	13.2	12.2
5 to 14 years-----	34.6	26.3
15 to 24 years-----	20.1	18.3
25 to 44 years-----	17.0	23.0
45 to 64 years-----	10.8	12.4
65 and over-----	2.9	4.3

Dr. N. J. Rose, Illinois Department of Health, has reported an epidemic of influenza occurring in a State school for the mentally retarded in which 1,243 of 4,800 are ill. The peak of the epidemic has now been passed in the female division, where 7 deaths occurred, and the male division is now actively affected.

Dr. Clayton Loosli, University of Chicago, has reported a well delimited outbreak of Asian influenza in the university clinic population during the past 4 weeks. Asian strain influenza virus was isolated from 29 of the 56 cases studied.

Dr. W. S. Jordan, Western Reserve University, has submitted studies of 5 deaths associated with Asian influenza. In 3 of the cases the deaths appeared to be due primarily to influenza. In the other 2 cases, underlying chronic disease processes were contributory factors.

The Weekly Influenza Statement by the British Ministry of Health for the week ended October 12 shows that the numbers of cases and the deaths from pneumonia showed increases of 395 and 81 respectively, and deaths attributed to influenza showed an increase of 149 over the previous week. New claims on the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance showed an increase of 26,023 over the previous week. Incidence in the Northern and North Western regions, the East and West Ridings, and South Wales showed signs of declining.

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau has received information that an epidemic of influenza started in Surinam in September. About 16,000 cases were reported in a 3-week period. Attack rate in a surveyed group was 64 percent. The epidemic has been confirmed as type A, and sera of many patients showed antibodies against the A/Singapore/1/57 virus.

Diphtheria

Dr. G. E. McDaniel, South Carolina State Board of Health, has supplied additional information on the outbreak of diphtheria in Dorchester County mentioned in last week's report. An investigation revealed that none of the persons ill had received immunization. Not all were clinical cases of diph-

theria since 1 of 3 doctors reported as cases all family contacts who had positive throat cultures. This was not disproved by the State Board of Health because the outbreak was well past its peak when it came to the attention of the Board. The peak occurred with the report of 18 cases during the week of September 14, with fewer cases reported during the following 2 weeks. No cases have been reported during the past 2 weeks.

Rabies in man

Dr. G. E. McDaniel has also reported a fatal case of rabies in a 14-year-old boy in South Carolina. This boy's home was in a rural area near Sumter. About August 10 he was bitten by a dog which had been given to the family a short time before. The dog exhibited symptoms of excitement and bit and killed chickens in the yard. When he bit the boy the family killed the dog. Twenty-one days later the boy, in a somewhat nervous state was seen by his physician. He did not exhibit symptoms of rabies at that time, but the next day he had difficulty in swallowing, with evidence of some spasm of the throat. The boy was admitted to a hospital where he died a few days later. Post-mortem examination of the boy's brain revealed Negri bodies. Sumter County has been having an increase in the number of animal cases of rabies over the years immediately preceding.

Brucellosis

Dr. E. J. Witte, Pennsylvania Department of Health, has supplied information about the investigation of a case of brucellosis in a 4½-year-old girl. The first evidence of disease was a tender mass in the posterior cervical region. There was a positive tuberculin reaction and a strong positive reaction to a cat-scratch skin test. The enlarged lymph node which showed acute necrotizing lymphadenitis was removed but it was not completely typical of cat-scratch disease. Agglutination tests were negative for various organisms including Brucella abortus. One year later the child had a lump at the angle of her jaw. The node was removed and it showed a necrosis suggestive of tularemia. The brucellergin skin test was negative, as were all other routine serologic tests, including those for Pasteurella tularensis and Brucella. A blood culture yielded organisms specifically identified as Br. melitensis. A possible source of infection was thought to be contact with young goats in a zoo, since cheese, milk, and contact with other animals did not appear likely sources. The patient's agglutination titer to Br. melitensis never exceeded 1 to 80.

Typhoid fever

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has given preliminary information on 3 cases of typhoid fever reported in Schuylkill County. An investigation was initiated after several cases were reported by the local board of health. The diagnosis was based on serologic evidence and was later confirmed for one case by the isolation of Salmonella typhosa. The source of these cases has not been determined as yet, and the investigation is being continued.

The Washington State Department of Health has given preliminary information on 3 cases of typhoid fever reported for the week ended October 12. Prior to this date only 2 cases had been reported for the year. These cases were in different parts of the State and do not represent an outbreak. The investigation is not complete, but laboratory tests on

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**Table 2. CASES OF SPECIFIED NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: UNITED STATES, EACH DIVISION AND STATE, ALASKA, HAWAII, AND PUERTO RICO, FOR WEEKS ENDED OCTOBER 20, 1956 AND OCTOBER 19, 1957**

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AREA	BRUCELLOSIS (UNDULANT FEVER)		DIPHTHERIA 055				ENCEPHALITIS, INFECTION		HEPATITIS, INFECTION, AND SERUM 092, N998.5 pt.			
	044		42d week		Cumulative first 42 weeks		082		42d week		Cumulative first 42 weeks	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
CONT. UNITED STATES-----	15	24	41	42	816	1,132	40	62	210	309	12,603	16,029
NEW ENGLAND-----	1	-	2	-	23	12	1	-	7	19	701	1,041
Maine-----	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	5	223	252
New Hampshire-----	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	8	31
Vermont-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	145
Massachusetts-----	1	-	2	-	20	11	-	-	-	4	206	263
Rhode Island-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	2	67	125
Connecticut-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	109	225
MIDDLE ATLANTIC-----	1	-	3	-	67	51	11	5	46	71	2,040	3,436
New York-----	-	-	1	-	33	18	8	3	32	48	1,264	1,817
New Jersey-----	-	-	-	-	10	14	3	2	5	8	249	321
Pennsylvania-----	1	-	2	-	24	19	-	-	9	15	527	1,298
EAST NORTH CENTRAL-----	2	3	-	2	44	188	7	5	20	39	2,109	2,389
Ohio-----	-	-	-	-	12	14	-	2	8	5	537	585
Indiana-----	1	-	-	-	11	88	-	-	1	6	296	337
Illinois-----	1	1	-	-	3	8	3	1	8	11	485	529
Michigan-----	-	2	-	2	16	76	1	-	3	10	564	663
Wisconsin-----	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	2	-	7	227	275
WEST NORTH CENTRAL-----	1	12	9	1	66	97	2	15	10	14	721	1,318
Minnesota-----	-	2	7	-	31	26	-	-	10	4	265	422
Iowa-----	1	4	-	-	7	17	-	-	-	3	168	336
Missouri-----	-	2	-	-	1	11	-	-	-	2	115	84
North Dakota-----	-	-	-	-	3	5	2	1	-	-	90	114
South Dakota-----	-	3	-	1	6	8	-	-	-	-	34	161
Nebraska-----	-	-	2	-	12	26	-	-	-	-	24	91
Kansas-----	-	1	-	-	6	4	-	14	-	-	25	110
SOUTH ATLANTIC-----	-	4	13	21	264	282	3	1	21	16	967	1,043
Delaware-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	9	30
Maryland-----	-	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	87	82
District of Columbia-----	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	10	19
Virginia-----	-	1	2	-	14	26	-	1	12	6	382	413
West Virginia-----	-	-	-	-	5	7	-	-	1	-	85	56
North Carolina-----	-	1	2	5	32	44	1	-	1	-	92	111
South Carolina-----	-	-	3	7	78	67	1	-	1	-	29	57
Georgia-----	-	-	5	1	65	64	1	-	3	6	109	138
Florida-----	-	1	1	8	67	71	-	-	2	3	164	137
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	8	3	6	16	126	161	1	2	31	27	1,637	1,404
Kentucky-----	3	1	1	1	15	11	-	-	18	9	699	435
Tennessee-----	4	1	-	-	11	20	-	1	6	10	603	587
Alabama-----	1	-	5	12	56	86	1	-	5	4	220	183
Mississippi-----	-	1	-	3	44	44	-	1	2	4	115	199
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	1	-	7	1	164	262	1	17	15	23	981	1,168
Arkansas-----	1	-	1	-	25	20	-	-	-	10	68	122
Louisiana-----	-	-	2	-	17	28	-	-	-	2	50	115
Oklahoma-----	-	-	1	-	20	58	-	1	3	1	115	90
Texas-----	-	-	3	1	102	156	1	16	12	10	748	841
MOUNTAIN-----	1	2	1	-	28	27	1	1	13	20	1,069	1,399
Montana-----	-	1	-	-	9	3	-	-	1	-	153	344
Idaho-----	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3	2	87	182
Wyoming-----	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	4	48	91
Colorado-----	-	1	-	-	2	3	-	1	1	7	167	319
New Mexico-----	-	-	-	-	9	5	-	-	5	1	341	118
Arizona-----	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	-	3	4	194	270
Utah-----	1	-	1	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	49	67
Nevada-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	30	8
PACIFIC-----	-	-	-	1	34	52	13	16	47	80	2,378	2,831
Washington-----	-	-	-	-	23	10	-	-	5	7	326	563
Oregon-----	-	-	-	-	3	11	-	-	6	28	448	572
California-----	-	-	-	1	8	31	13	16	36	45	1,604	1,696
Alaska-----	-	-	-	-	-	35	-	-	8	-	85	72
Hawaii-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	53	52
Puerto Rico-----	-	-	3	2	46	64	-	-	4	4	149	206

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AREA	POLIOMYELITIS 080								MALARIA		MEASLES	
	Total <sup>1</sup>				Paralytic		Nonparalytic		110-117		085	
	42d week		Cumulative first 42 weeks		080.0,080.1		080.2					
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
CONT. UNITED STATES-----	112	396	<sup>2</sup> 5,335	13,529	61	154	33	158	3	5	1,087	1,392
NEW ENGLAND-----	2	7	77	236	1	2	-	4	-	-	129	66
Maine-----	-	-	6	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	7
New Hampshire-----	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	1
Vermont-----	-	-	5	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
Massachusetts-----	1	3	24	104	-	1	-	1	-	-	51	24
Rhode Island-----	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Connecticut-----	1	4	38	78	1	1	-	3	-	-	4	27
MIDDLE ATLANTIC-----	11	36	320	1,066	5	9	3	8	-	-	131	207
New York-----	6	23	197	699	4	8	1	7	-	-	69	108
New Jersey-----	3	3	77	199	1	1	-	1	-	-	17	57
Pennsylvania-----	2	10	46	168	-	-	2	-	-	-	45	42
EAST NORTH CENTRAL-----	36	99	1,416	3,736	14	39	13	41	-	-	236	188
Ohio-----	9	18	240	555	2	7	-	3	-	-	17	18
Indiana-----	5	18	159	338	4	10	-	5	-	-	6	52
Illinois-----	7	20	331	1,755	2	5	4	12	-	-	48	27
Michigan-----	15	28	480	607	6	13	9	15	-	-	24	51
Wisconsin-----	-	15	206	481	-	4	-	6	-	-	141	40
WEST NORTH CENTRAL-----	5	39	428	1,566	2	12	2	19	-	-	46	63
Minnesota-----	1	1	50	188	-	1	1	-	-	-	5	13
Iowa-----	-	11	80	<sup>2</sup> 591	-	1	-	9	-	-	3	24
Missouri-----	1	17	112	385	1	7	-	7	-	-	-	5
North Dakota-----	-	2	11	32	-	-	-	1	-	-	13	6
South Dakota-----	-	3	38	33	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Nebraska-----	-	3	75	160	-	2	-	1	-	-	25	8
Kansas-----	3	2	62	177	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC-----	7	41	751	1,298	12	19	4	14	1	-	67	97
Delaware-----	-	-	5	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Maryland-----	3	4	19	86	2	3	1	1	-	-	16	2
District of Columbia-----	2	-	59	9	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Virginia-----	5	7	102	206	5	4	-	3	-	-	22	7
West Virginia-----	2	2	44	102	1	2	-	-	-	-	19	6
North Carolina-----	3	12	207	276	1	8	2	3	1	-	2	10
South Carolina-----	-	2	122	99	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	18
Georgia-----	2	6	72	181	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	7
Florida-----	-	8	121	313	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	46
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	10	20	372	593	5	8	2	3	-	-	50	363
Kentucky-----	3	2	97	154	1	1	-	1	-	-	4	221
Tennessee-----	5	3	137	115	2	1	2	2	-	-	27	123
Alabama-----	-	6	44	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	18
Mississippi-----	2	9	94	247	2	6	-	-	-	-	9	1
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	10	29	<sup>2</sup> 1,020	2,109	8	11	2	12	-	3	84	83
Arkansas-----	1	3	<sup>2</sup> 57	171	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	18
Louisiana-----	4	9	170	580	2	4	2	5	-	2	-	-
Oklahoma-----	1	6	118	194	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
Texas-----	4	11	675	1,164	4	6	-	5	-	-	81	63
MOUNTAIN-----	4	22	227	688	3	9	1	6	-	-	89	145
Montana-----	-	-	12	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	20
Idaho-----	-	4	25	99	-	1	-	2	-	-	7	5
Wyoming-----	-	-	13	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Colorado-----	2	8	43	132	1	6	1	2	-	-	10	14
New Mexico-----	1	2	48	67	1	2	-	-	-	-	21	12
Arizona-----	1	2	51	115	1	-	-	2	-	-	8	20
Utah-----	-	5	31	177	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	49
Nevada-----	-	1	4	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PACIFIC-----	17	103	724	2,237	11	45	6	51	2	2	255	180
Washington-----	-	13	12	164	-	1	-	6	-	-	71	59
Oregon-----	-	5	37	142	-	2	-	2	-	-	66	16
California-----	17	85	675	1,931	11	42	6	43	2	2	118	105
Alaska-----	-	-	3	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	150
Hawaii-----	-	2	9	65	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	127
Puerto Rico-----	-	1	31	47	-	1	-	-	-	-	14	31

<sup>1</sup>Includes cases not specified by type, category number 080.3.<sup>2</sup>Includes revised report.

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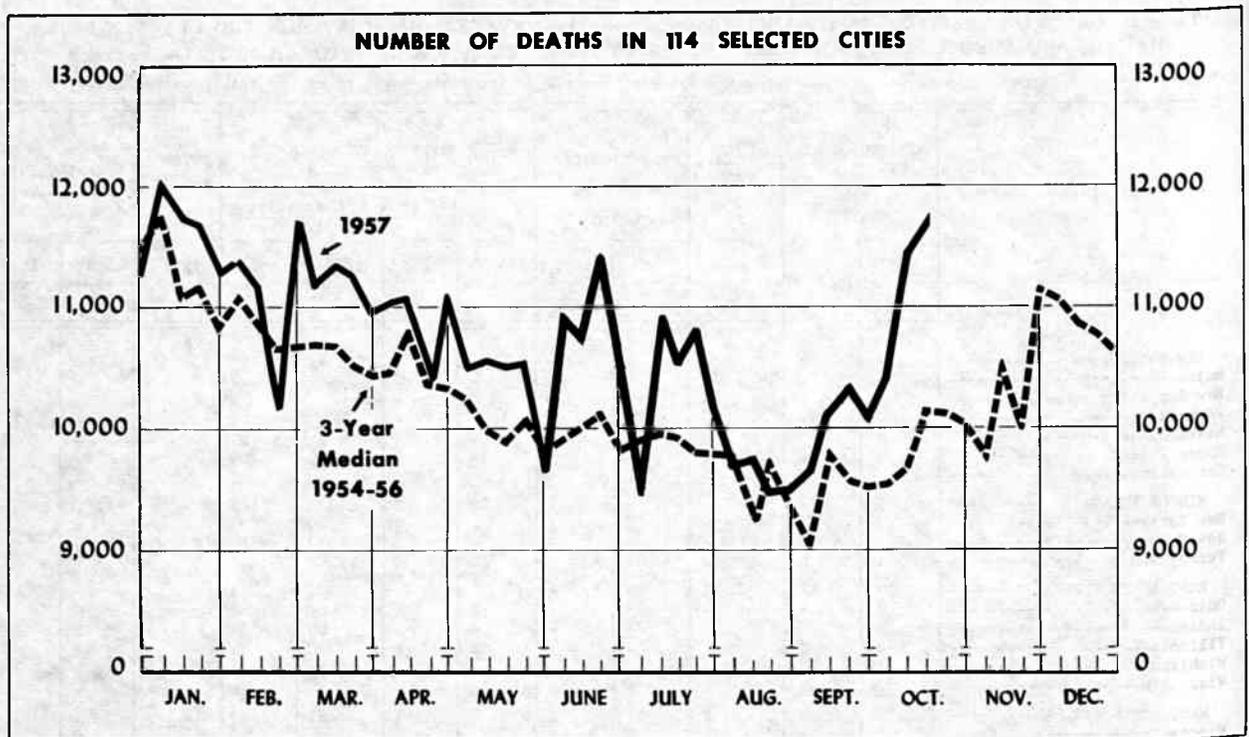
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AREA	MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS		MENINGITIS, OTHER	PSITTACOSIS		TYPHOID FEVER 040				TYPHUS FEVER, ENDEMIC	RABIES IN ANIMALS	
			340	096.2		42d week		Cumulative first 42 weeks		101		
	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1957	1956
CONT. UNITED STATES-----	43	48	36	3	8	43	44	1,128	1,539	-	56	73
NEW ENGLAND-----	4	2	3	1	-	-	-	22	50	-	-	-
Maine-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	14	-	-	-
New Hampshire-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Vermont-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Massachusetts-----	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	10	17	-	-	-
Rhode Island-----	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	6	-	-	-
Connecticut-----	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	12	-	-	-
MIDDLE ATLANTIC-----	5	7	-	-	1	16	8	131	195	-	5	7
New York-----	3	2	-	-	-	1	3	50	58	-	4	6
New Jersey-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	19	30	-	-	-
Pennsylvania-----	1	5	-	-	1	<sup>a</sup> 15	4	62	107	-	1	1
EAST NORTH CENTRAL-----	17	11	11	-	-	4	4	163	209	-	7	2
Ohio-----	3	-	-	-	-	3	1	61	55	-	4	-
Indiana-----	1	-	5	-	-	-	2	58	28	-	3	-
Illinois-----	6	3	5	-	-	1	1	20	35	-	-	1
Michigan-----	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	12	49	-	-	1
Wisconsin-----	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	12	42	-	-	-
WEST NORTH CENTRAL-----	4	2	3	1	1	5	1	81	180	-	6	27
Minnesota-----	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	5	37	-	4	5
Iowa-----	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	22	56	-	1	14
Missouri-----	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	40	54	-	1	4
North Dakota-----	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	-	-	-
South Dakota-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	-	-	-
Nebraska-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	4
Kansas-----	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	12	-	-	-
SOUTH ATLANTIC-----	4	13	11	-	2	4	14	207	252	-	16	15
Delaware-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-
Maryland-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	17	-	-	-
District of Columbia-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	12	-	-	-
Virginia-----	1	5	10	-	-	-	3	38	50	-	8	5
West Virginia-----	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	48	22	-	-	-
North Carolina-----	1	2	-	-	2	1	-	14	25	-	2	-
South Carolina-----	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	20	26	-	2	4
Georgia-----	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	30	48	-	2	6
Florida-----	-	2	-	-	-	-	9	39	49	-	2	-
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	2	3	1	-	-	-	4	163	196	-	6	10
Kentucky-----	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	53	40	-	6	7
Tennessee-----	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	64	72	-	-	-
Alabama-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	23	-	-	3
Mississippi-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	34	61	-	-	-
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL-----	3	5	4	-	-	4	7	230	289	-	10	10
Arkansas-----	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	40	65	-	1	3
Louisiana-----	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	52	41	-	-	7
Oklahoma-----	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	26	44	-	5	-
Texas-----	2	4	2	-	-	2	2	112	139	-	4	-
MOUNTAIN-----	1	2	2	-	1	2	2	47	67	-	-	-
Montana-----	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-
Idaho-----	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-
Wyoming-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Colorado-----	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	11	17	-	-	-
New Mexico-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	-	-	-
Arizona-----	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	8	22	-	-	-
Utah-----	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-
Nevada-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
PACIFIC-----	3	3	1	1	3	8	4	84	101	-	6	2
Washington-----	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	-
Oregon-----	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	5	13	-	-	-
California-----	3	2	-	1	3	8	1	76	85	-	6	2
Alaska-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Hawaii-----	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico-----	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	17	70	-	-	1

<sup>a</sup>Includes 8 delayed cases

Symbol, --1 dash [-]: no cases reported.

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The chart shows the number of deaths reported for 114 major cities of the United States by week for the current year, and, for comparison, the median of the number of deaths reported for the corresponding weeks of the 3 previous calendar years. (The median is the central one of the three values arranged in order of magnitude.) If a report is not received from a city in time to be included in the total for the current week, an estimate is made to maintain comparability for graphic presentation.

The figures reported represent the number of death certificates received in the vital statistics offices during the week indicated for deaths occurring in that city. Figures compiled in this way, by week of receipt, usually approximate closely the number of deaths occurring during the week. However, differences are to be expected because of variations in the

interval between death and receipt of the certificate.

While week-to-week changes in the total number of deaths reported for all major cities generally represent a change in mortality conditions, this may not be true for variations in weekly figures for each city. For example, in a city with a weekly average of 50 deaths, the number of deaths occurring in a week may be expected to vary by chance alone from 36 to 64 ( $d \pm 2\sqrt{d}$ , where  $d$  represents the average number of deaths per week).

The number of deaths in cities of the same size may also differ because of variations in the age, race, and sex composition of their populations, and because some cities are hospital centers serving the surrounding areas. Changes from year to year in the number of deaths may be due in part to population increases or decreases.

Table 3. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

(By place of occurrence, and week of filing certificate. Excludes fetal deaths)

AREA	42d week ended Oct. 19, 1957	41st week ended Oct. 12, 1957	42d week median 1954-56	Percent change, median to current week	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FIRST 42 WEEKS		
					1957	1956	Percent change
TOTAL: 113 REPORTING CITIES-----	11,668	11,434	10,137	+15.1	449,481	435,990	+3.1
New England----- (14 cities)	712	672	668	+6.6	28,907	28,179	+2.6
Middle Atlantic----- (19 cities)	3,505	3,378	3,011	+16.4	129,156	126,862	+1.8
East North Central----- (19 cities)	2,615	2,596	2,226	+17.5	97,551	95,000	+2.7
West North Central----- (9 cities)	791	809	721	+9.7	32,020	30,812	+3.9
South Atlantic----- (11 cities)	1,052	964	826	+27.4	37,952	36,653	+3.5
East South Central----- (8 cities)	539	479	450	+19.8	20,250	19,718	+2.7
West South Central----- (13 cities)	849	898	774	+9.7	37,679	35,234	+6.9
Mountain----- (8 cities)	314	304	233	+34.8	11,338	10,242	+10.7
Pacific----- (12 cities)	1,291	1,334	1,216	+6.2	54,628	53,290	+2.5

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Table 4. DEATHS IN SELECTED CITIES

(By place of occurrence, and week of filing certificate. Excludes fetal deaths)

AREA	42d week ended Oct. 19, 1957	41st week ended Oct. 12, 1957	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FIRST 42 WEEKS		AREA	42d week ended Oct. 19, 1957	41st week ended Oct. 12, 1957	CUMULATIVE NUMBER FIRST 42 WEEKS	
			1957	1956				1957	1956
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>					<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL—Con.</b>				
Boston, Mass.-----	259	221	9,788	9,489	St. Louis, Mo.-----	245	305	9,920	9,699
Bridgeport, Conn.-----	46	34	1,572	1,550	St. Paul, Minn.-----	72	59	2,745	2,761
Cambridge, Mass.-----	25	23	1,225	1,229	Wichita, Kans.-----	37	55	1,839	1,720
Fall River, Mass.-----	26	32	1,136	1,152	<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>				
Hartford, Conn.-----	48	45	2,053	1,991	Atlanta, Ga.-----	125	120	4,537	4,527
Lowell, Mass.-----	24	26	1,158	991	Baltimore, Md.-----	274	238	9,946	9,646
Lynn, Mass.-----	32	28	884	866	Charlotte, N. C.-----	37	37	1,389	1,282
New Bedford, Mass.-----	27	33	1,015	950	Jacksonville, Fla.-----	77	53	2,272	2,122
New Haven, Conn.-----	53	42	1,926	1,885	Miami, Fla.-----	54	67	2,111	2,104
Providence, R. I.-----	63	57	2,570	2,587	Norfolk, Va.-----	43	35	1,497	1,346
Somerville, Mass.-----	8	13	551	647	Richmond, Va.-----	76	80	3,114	2,934
Springfield, Mass.-----	31	39	1,735	1,721	Savannah, Ga.-----	42	36	1,248	1,181
Waterbury, Conn.-----	21	24	1,047	1,049	Tampa, Fla.-----	64	52	2,565	2,425
Worcester, Mass.-----	49	55	2,247	2,072	Washington, D. C.-----	231	208	7,752	7,625
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>					Wilmington, Del.-----	29	38	1,521	1,461
Albany, N. Y.-----	44	45	2,036	2,051	<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>				
Allentown, Pa.-----	45	44	1,576	1,545	Birmingham, Ala.-----	93	68	3,299	3,166
Buffalo, N. Y.-----	50	198	5,881	5,928	Chattanooga, Tenn.-----	44	35	1,915	1,744
Camden, N. J.-----	54	34	1,672	1,623	Knoxville, Tenn.-----	29	27	1,135	1,408
Elizabeth, N. J.-----	27	23	1,175	1,154	Louisville, Ky.-----	117	106	4,382	4,426
Erie, Pa.-----	29	38	1,477	1,381	Memphis, Tenn.-----	134	109	4,482	4,093
Jersey City, N. J.-----	76	72	2,834	2,926	Mobile, Ala.-----	35	48	1,516	1,422
Newark, N. J.-----	108	137	4,287	4,029	Montgomery, Ala.-----	36	33	1,080	1,199
New York City, N. Y.-----	1,979	1,810	66,289	64,781	Nashville, Tenn.-----	51	53	2,441	2,260
Paterson, N. J.-----	---	---	---	(1,543)	<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>				
Philadelphia, Pa.-----	507	439	20,012	19,902	Austin, Tex.-----	31	23	1,219	1,151
Pittsburgh, Pa.-----	225	195	7,556	7,566	Baton Rouge, La.-----	32	19	1,033	931
Reading, Pa.-----	20	20	963	896	Corpus Christi, Tex.-----	28	21	881	824
Rochester, N. Y.-----	124	115	4,060	3,972	Dallas, Tex.-----	112	110	4,552	4,474
Schenectady, N. Y.-----	19	18	969	925	El Paso, Tex.-----	32	41	1,318	1,131
Scranton, Pa.-----	27	39	1,540	1,428	Fort Worth, Tex.-----	41	71	2,579	2,440
Syracuse, N. Y.-----	65	43	2,425	2,432	Houston, Tex.-----	130	151	6,249	5,629
Trenton, N. J.-----	58	42	1,877	1,826	Little Rock, Ark.-----	48	39	2,204	1,950
Utica, N. Y.-----	24	27	1,300	1,270	New Orleans, La.-----	168	163	7,231	6,617
Yonkers, N. Y.-----	24	39	1,227	1,227	Oklahoma City, Okla.-----	35	61	2,548	2,627
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>					San Antonio, Tex.-----	96	98	3,978	3,655
Akron, Ohio-----	66	60	2,266	2,174	Shreveport, La.-----	57	49	1,950	1,888
Canton, Ohio-----	34	31	1,292	1,170	Tulsa, Okla.-----	39	52	1,937	1,917
Chicago, Ill.-----	887	850	31,531	30,565	<b>MOUNTAIN</b>				
Cincinnati, Ohio-----	187	152	6,334	6,322	Albuquerque, N. Mex.-----	29	15	1,071	956
Cleveland, Ohio-----	205	217	8,615	8,515	Colorado Springs, Colo.-----	12	20	566	549
Columbus, Ohio-----	111	110	4,667	4,460	Denver, Colo.-----	134	122	4,643	4,521
Dayton, Ohio-----	75	82	2,977	2,716	Ogden, Utah-----	9	22	520	515
Detroit, Mich.-----	356	380	13,523	13,216	Phoenix, Ariz.-----	39	43	1,289	1,067
Evansville, Ind.-----	36	32	1,318	1,386	Pueblo, Colo.-----	13	10	534	509
Flint, Mich.-----	53	34	1,562	1,609	Salt Lake City, Utah-----	55	58	1,868	1,863
Fort Wayne, Ind.-----	50	44	1,506	1,479	Tucson, Ariz.-----	23	14	847	262
Gary, Ind.-----	29	33	1,208	1,182	<b>PACIFIC</b>				
Grand Rapids, Mich.-----	43	45	1,697	1,721	Berkeley, Calif.-----	29	28	818	687
Indianapolis, Ind.-----	125	151	4,982	4,861	Long Beach, Calif.-----	48	55	2,244	2,185
Milwaukee, Wis.-----	137	142	5,461	5,205	Los Angeles, Calif.-----	502	493	19,718	19,431
Peoria, Ill.-----	37	44	1,241	1,216	Oakland, Calif.-----	75	112	3,945	3,784
South Bend, Ind.-----	18	26	1,091	1,020	Pasadena, Calif.-----	36	27	1,477	1,455
Toledo, Ohio-----	101	91	3,979	3,902	Portland, Oreg.-----	84	105	4,023	3,927
Youngstown, Ohio-----	65	72	2,301	2,281	Sacramento, Calif.-----	59	43	2,135	1,998
<b>WEST NORTH CENTRAL</b>					San Diego, Calif.-----	76	80	3,299	3,102
Des Moines, Iowa-----	60	50	2,275	2,077	San Francisco, Calif.-----	151	186	7,966	7,976
Duluth, Minn.-----	31	25	1,093	1,089	Seattle, Wash.-----	143	121	5,468	5,242
Kansas City, Kans.-----	27	27	1,211	1,279	Spokane, Wash.-----	48	45	1,904	1,924
Kansas City, Mo.-----	112	100	4,891	4,528	Tacoma, Wash.-----	40	39	1,631	1,579
Minneapolis, Minn.-----	139	127	5,214	4,950	<b>Honolulu, Hawaii-----</b>				
Omaha, Nebr.-----	68	61	2,832	2,709	(42)	(40)	(1,612)	(1,447)	

Symbols.—parentheses [ ( ) ] : data not included in table 3; 3 dashes [ --- ] : data not available.

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specimens from one patient show the organism recovered to be phage type C<sub>1</sub>. The sources of infection of these cases have not been determined as yet, but for one it is believed that a relative is a chronic carrier.

Histoplasmosis

Dr. Mason Romaine, Virginia Department of Health, has reported a case of histoplasmosis in a 55-year-old woman. She was admitted to a hospital with diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis. Thoracotomy was done, with a biopsy of the right middle lobe. Microscopic studies revealed evidence of histoplasmosis, and the patient was transferred to another hospital. On the third day of hospitalization the patient experienced rectal bleeding. This was determined to be an ulcerated hemorrhoid. Later she had another episode of rectal bleeding and was transferred to the operating room. She withstood an operation well and went back to her room in good condition. However, an examination of blood drawn revealed an electrolyte imbalance. Attempts to restore the balance failed and the patient went into shock. She died on the eleventh day of hospitalization, but no autopsy was done. The final diagnosis, however, was extensive pulmonary histoplasmosis.

Gastro-enteritis

Dr. C. B. Tucker, Tennessee Department of Public Health, has also reported an outbreak of gastro-enteritis among persons who held a picnic. An investigation revealed that of the 350 persons attending, 46 became ill from 3 to 18 hours after eating various food items. The food consisted of baked ham, barbecue, wieners, cheese, soft drinks, coffee, and other picnic items. The barbecue was prepared by a local restaurant and was carried to the picnic area about 6 hours before being served. Hams were baked at a local bakery and were not refrigerated for about 24 hours. No food was available for bacteriologic examination.

## QUARANTINE MEASURES

Immunization Information for International Travel

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Changes Reported

The following name should be deleted from the list of Designated Yellow Fever Vaccination Centers, Section 6: Office, Director of Public Health, Hospital of American Samoa, Pago Pago, American Samoa.

America.—Panama Canal Zone, (Supplement, p. 10) now requires cholera vaccination of arrivals (over 6 months of age) from infected areas. All other information remains the same.

## SOURCE AND NATURE OF MORBIDITY DATA

These provisional data are based on reports to the Public Health Service from health departments of each State and of Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. They give the total number of cases of certain communicable diseases reported during the week usually ended the preceding Saturday. Cases of anthrax, botulism, and rabies in man are not shown in table 2, but a footnote to table 1 shows the States reporting on these diseases. In addition, when diseases of rare occurrence (cholera, dengue, plague, louse-borne relapsing fever, smallpox, louse-borne epidemic typhus, and yellow fever) are reported, this will be noted at the end of table 1.

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